instead of leaving it spread-out, as 1 did, on the
floor, exposed to view. "What is this you
have done?" he asked. ! really did not know
what to say and so, had to play a dodge with
him, and instead of giving him a direct answer
to his. question, I put a counter one in return.
I knew, he was a gentleman and very kindly
disposed towards us, so that he would not get
annoyed with me if I teased him with any
questions however unbecoming. "Do you
think", I asked, "we committed a very
heinous crime before we came here, for which
offence we ought to feel ashamed of
ourselves** ?
He felt rather ill at ease at first when he
heard from me a question so very peculiar, but
said, * 'How could you expect an answer to such
a question from me? I am an Englishman,
whereas, you are an Indian; are our interests the
same? Moreover, 1 am a Government servant,
how am I to side with you, against the Govern-
ment that I serve? However, as you ask me,
I shall say this much, to console you,—that
from your own stand-point, you are

quite right,
and have no reason to blame yourself,
for what-
ever you might have done, for the
sake of your
country's liberation. I see no
reason why you